SHRI RAM NAIK (Mumbai North) : Sir, I am on a point of order.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : There is a point of order.

SHRI RAM NAIK : Sir, have those Ministers who have been absent informed you? If the Ministers are not present--the Cabinet works as having a collective responsibility—the other Minister can also get up and say that he is laying the paper. What is this Cabinet? What is this Government doing? Two Ministers are absent and they do not feel anything. Nobody shows a courtesy to the House and to the Chair just to inform that they are not present. This is a very serious issue. How can papers be laid in this manner? The Ministers need a rebuke from you that they are taking the House lightly.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ (South Delhi) : This Government is behaving in an irresponsible manner. ...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please let him say something.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV (Purnea) : They want to abolish the reservation for O.B.Cs. ...*(Interruptions)*.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Will the Leader of the House like to say something in this regard?

...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Shri Saifuddin Soz has come. He may lay the papers.

Annual Accounts of the Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi for the year 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and Statement for delay in laying these papers etc.

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table :

(1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (6) of section 40 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974:—

(i) Annual Accounts of the Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi, for the year 1993-94, together with Audit Report thereon.

(ii) Annual Accounts of the Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi, for the year 1994-95, together with Audit Report thereon.

(iii) Annual Accounts of the Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi, for the year 1995-96 together with Audit report thereon.

(2) Three Statements (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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(3) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore, for the year 1995-96 alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the working of the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore, for the year 1995-96.

(4) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (3) above.

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(5) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun, for the year 1995-96 alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the working of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun, for the year 1995-96.

(6) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (5) above.

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SHRI RAM NAIK : Sir, he must apologize to the House first. The House cannot be taken so lightly. *(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

No, they should tell us what they are saying.

[English]

PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ : Sir, I feel sorry for not being present when my name was called.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Shri Ramakant Khalap.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ (South Delhi) : He cannot speak in this way. It is not that anyone can stand up and speak in the House.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : Shri Ram Naik was just saying that anyone can speak with collective responsibility. I did not speak because we had not informed you. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAM NAIK : Don't talk about yourself. You should talk about the rest of the Cabinet Ministers. Shri Soz said that he regreted for that.

[English]

Sir, has Shri Ramakant Khalap informed you?

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : No.

SHRI RAM NAIK : Then, how can Shri Jena lay the papers on behalf of Shri Ramakant Khalap? Unless he informs you in writing it cannot be done.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : Giving information is not enough, he will have to take permission. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Whatever has happened in the House today since 12 O'Clock, I regret for the same on behalf of our hon'ble Minister who is not present here and request you that permission should be granted to Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, who is present here, to lay the papers on behalf of the Ministers who are not present here. ...*(Interruptions)*.

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : It cannot be done in the House in this way. How can you lay the papers on someone's behalf? ...*(Interruptions)*.

Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985

[English]

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : Sir, on behalf of Shri Ramakant D. Khalap, I beg to lay on the Table:—

A copy of the One Hundred Fifty-fifth Report (Hindi and English versions) of Law Commission on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Act No. 61 of 1985), July, 1997.

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Review on the working of and Annual Report of the Sikkim Livestock Processing and Development Corporation Limited, Gangtok for the years 1988-89 to 1993-94

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—

(1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Review by the Government of the working of the Sikkim Livestock Processing and Development Corporation Limited, Gangtok, for the years 1988-89 to 1993-94.

(ii) Annual Report of the Sikkim Livestock Processing and Development Corporation Limited, Gangtok, for the years 1988-89 to 1993-94, alongwith Audited Account.

(2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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13.07 hrs.

MESSAGE FROM RAJYA SABHA AND BILL AS PASSED BY RAJYA SABHA—*Laid*

[English]

SECRETARY-GENERAL : Sir, I have to report the following message received from the Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha:—

> "In accordance with the provisions of Rule 111 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha, I am directed to enclose a copy of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (Amendment) Bill, 1997 which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 11th August, 1997."

2. Sir, I lay on the Table the Indira Gandhi National Open University (Amendment) Bill, 1997, as passed by Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1997.